ARTICLES TO BE ENQVIRED OF IN THE Dioceſſe of *Salisburie*.

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The forme of the Oath to be ministred vnto the *Church-Wardens*, and *Side men.*

YOu ſhall ſweare, that you and euery of you, ſhall duly conſider, and diligently enquire of all and euery of theſe Articles giuen you in charge; and that all affection, fauour, hope of reward, and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice, ſet aſide, you ſhall preſent all and euery ſuch perſon, of, or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence, or made any default mentioned in theſe or any of theſe Articles; or which are vehemently ſuſpected or defamed of any ſuch offence or default: Wherein you ſhall deale vprightly and fully, neither preſenting, nor ſparing to preſent any, contrarie to truth: hauing in this action God before your eies, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine Truth and Vertue, and to ſuppreſſe Vice: So helpe you God, and the holy Contents of this Booke.

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Titul. 1.

Articles concerning publike Prayer and administration of the Sacraments.

Deprauing of the Booke of Common Prayer and Ceremonies. Can. 4, 5, 6, 7.

FIRST, whether hath any of your Parish spoken or declared any thing in the derogation, or deprauing of the form of Gods worship in the Church of England, and Administration of the Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies set forth and prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, by the Kings Maiestie authorized and confirmed? Doe any preach, speake, or declare, that it containeth any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures?

Perswading any Minister to alter the forme of Common Prayer. Statut. in formit.

2 Item, Whether hath any in your parish caused procured, or maintained any Minister to say any common or publike Prayer, or to administer either of the Sacraments of Baptisme and the Lords Supper, otherwise or in any other manner or forme then is mentioned in the sayd Booke of Common Prayer? Or whether hath any interrupted, hindered, let, or disturbed, the Minister to reade diuine Seruice, and administer the Sacraments in such manner and forme as is mentioned in the said Booke; or interrupted him in his preachings, and Sermons?

Obseruation of the forme of Baptisme and Crosse. Can. 30

3 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme rightly and duly administred according to the prescript form expressed in the Booke of Common Prayer, with due obseruation

of all Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the administration of the same, without adding or altering any part or parcell of any prayers, interrogatories, or not using the signe of the Crosse in the administration of the same? Can. 24.

rubrica Baptismi. Deferring of Baptisme.

4 Item, Whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme deferred longer then the next Sunday or Holy-day immediatly following the birth of the Child?

Children refused to be baptized, or dying without Baptisme.

5 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme refused to be administred to any Children borne in or out of wedlocke, their birth being made knowne to the Minister of the parish, and offered unto him to be baptized, or have any such children died unbaptized? Can. 69.

Parents of children admitted Godfathers.

6 Item, Whether bee the Parents of any child to be baptized, admitted to bee Godfathers and Godmothers to the same? Can. 29.

Private Baptisme.

7 Item, Whether have there beene any children baptized in private houses by any Lay-person, or Midwife, or Popish Priest, or by any other Minister, but upon urgent occasion when the child was in danger of death?

rubrica Privati.

Baptizing of Papists children.

8 Item, Whether have the children which have beene borne to any Popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your parish, beene publikely baptized in your parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate; or by whom were they baptized, or where, to your knowledge?

Receiving of the Lords Supper thrice a yeare.

9 Item, Whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper beene duly & reverently administred every month, or thrice every yeare at least, whereof once at Easter, within your parish Church, to every parishioner being of sixtene yeares of age or upwards? Can. 21.

Kneeling at the Communion.

10 Item, Whether is the said holy Sacrament delivered unto, or received by any of the Communicants within your parish, that unreverently sit, or stand, or doe not devoutly and humbly kneele upon their knees? Rubrica Communionis.

Notorious offenders admitted to the Communion.

11 Item, Whether hath any of your parish, which bee openly knowne to live in notorious sinne without repentance, or excommunicate persons, or Schismatikes, common and notorious depravers of the Religion and government of this Realme, without unfained sorrow shewne for their

their impiety and wickednesse, beene admitted to be partaker of the said holy Communion? 26 Can. vulg. Com.

12 Item, Whether hath any of your Parish beene debarred from the said holy Communion without iust cause, and without intimation first giuen to the Ordinary or Bishop of the Diocesse: and by whose fault? Debarring others without cause.

Articles concerning the Church, the ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions. *Titul. 2.*

FIrst, Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largest volume, and of the last translation, the Booke of Common Prayer, lately set forth by his Maiesties authority, the two Bookes of Homilies, and Bishop Iewels Apology, all well and fairly bound; a Font of stone, set vp in the vsuall ancient place; a conuenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually layd vpon the Table at time of Diuine Seruice, and a faire linnen cloth at the time of administring the Communion: and whether is the same Table placed conueniently as it ought: and whether is it so vsed in or out of time of diuine Seruice or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy vse of it: Are the ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about? Can. 82, 81. Bookes and ornaments in the Church. Abusing of the Communion Table.

2 Item, Whether haue you in your said Church or Chappell, a conuenient Seate for your Minister to reade diuine Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit, set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely, large, and fine Surplice; a faire Communion Cup; a Flaggon of siluer, or pewter; with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments: and whether haue you a Chest for Almes, with three locks and keyes, and another Chest for keeping the Bookes and Ornaments of the Church, and the Register Booke? Whether haue you a Register Booke in Parchment, for Christnings, Weddings, and Things appertaining to Churches. Register books.

and Burials; and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons? And haue you a Table set in your Church, of the degrees wherein by Law men are prohibited to marrie?

Reparation of Churches and Parsonage houses.

3 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage houses, your Parish Almes house and Church, in good reparations, and are they employed to godly and their right holy vses: if any be ruinated and wasted, in whom is the default? Is your Church, Chancell and Chappell decently and comely kept, as well within as without; and bee the seates well maintained, the Steeple and Bels preserued, the windowes well glazed, the floore kept paued, plaine and euen, and all things in orderly and decent sort?

Fencing and keeping the Church-yard.

4 Item, Whether be your Church-yards well fenced, and kept without abuse; if not, whose default is it? hath any person encroached vpon the ground of the Church-yard; haue any vsed a place consecrated to holy vse, prophanely, or wickedly; haue any quarrelled or stricken another in Church or Church-yard?

Can. 88. Prophaning and annoying the Church-yard.

Churches vacant.

5 Item, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent; if vacant, who receiueth the fruits therof, and who serueth the Cure, and by what authority; and whether is it a Parsonage, Vicarage, or Donatiue, or Appropriation?

Concealing of Church goods.

6 Item, What Legacies haue beene giuen to the vse and benefit of your Church; how haue they beene bestowed; who receiued them, and detaineth them, without due imploiment? Doth any detaine or embezell any of the Church goods, or any other gifts giuen to charitable vses?

Erecting vp seats and pewes.

7 Item, Whether is there any erecting of Pewes, or innouating of seates in your Church by any priuate man of his owne authority; and what seats haue beene so built, and by whose procurement, and by what authority?

Defacing of seemly ornaments.

8 Item, Whether hath any in your Parish defaced, or caused to be defaced, any monuments, or ornaments in your Church?

Burying of Popish Recusants.

9 Item, Whether hath any Popish Recusant, being lawfully excommunicated, beene interred or buryed in your Church or Church-yard, before absolution of that censure and

and excommunication: if yea, then by whom, and when?

10 Item, Whether be not the profits, tithes, and other commodities Ecclesiastical, impiously and wickedly to the dishonor of Almighty God, and preiudice of the sacred Ministery, conuerted to the vse and benefit of coueteus Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they beene so vsed to your knowledge? Alienation of tythes and profits of the Church.

11 Item, Whether haue there beene made any bargaine and sale, exchange, or other alienation of the Glebe lands, or tithes of your Parsonage or Vicarage, being presentatiue, without the consent of the Ordinary and Patron: and if yea, specifie the said lands and tithes so sold, exchanged, or alienated, where it lay and lieth, and how it was and is abutted, together with the value of the same; and who made the same sale, exchange, or alienation; and to whom was it made?

12 Item, Whether haue you the Terrier of all the Glebe lands, Meadowes, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stockes, Implements, Tenements, portions of Tithes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging vnto your Parsonage or Vicarage, taken by ỹ view of honest men in your said Parish? And whether the said Terrier bee laid vp in the Bishops Registrie; and in whose hands are any of them now? And if you haue no Terrier already made in Parchment, you the Church-wardens and Side-men, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence, you are to make diligent inquiry and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe, the sayd Terrier, as aforesaid? A Terrier of Glebe lands and other possessions of the Church. Can. 87.

Articles concerning Ministers and Preachers of Gods holy Word. *Titul.* 3.

FIrst, Whether doth your Minister diligently, reuerently say diuine Seruice vpon Sundaies and Holidaies, and other dayes appointed to be obserued by the Booke of Common Prayer, as Wednesdaies and Frydaies, and the Eues of euerie Sunday and Holiday, at fit and vsuall times? And doth Obseruation of the forme and time of Common Prayer and Sacraments.

doth your Minister duly obserue the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading all publike prayers, and the Letany, as also in administring the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimony, visitation of the sicke, burying the dead, churching of women; and all other like Rites and Offices of the Church, in such manner and forme as in the said booke of Common Prayer is enioyned, and doth he reade the Booke of the last Canons yearly?

Continuall wearing of the Surplice. mm 58.

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister, reading diuine Seruice, and administring the Sacraments and other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice according to the Canons?

Obseruation of Rites. mm 68.

3 Item, Whether doth your Minister bid Holidaies and Fasting-dayes, as is appointed? Doth hee administer the holy Communion euery moneth, or three in the yeare, at least; whereof once at Easter to euery Parishioner? Doth he receiue the same himselfe on euery day that hee administreth it to others; and vseth he the words of Institution according to the Booke without alteration, at euery time that the Bread and Wine is renewed? Doth hee vse, and neuer omit the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme; or doth hee euer baptize in any Bason or other thing but the vsuall Font? Doth he marry without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice published, without a speciall Licence from the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellor first had and obtained?

Preachers without licence.

4 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licensed or no; if no, Whether doth hee take vpon him in his owne Cure or elsewhere, to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine, and doth not keepe himselfe onely to the reading of Homilies published by authority: if so, then you are to present the same, the time and place where he did it. And if he be licensed, Doth he preach vsually in his owne Cure, according to the 45. Canon, or in some other neighbour Church, where no Preacher is: Or whether doth he or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when there is no Sermon, read a Homilie, or some part thereof, according as he ought to doe?

5 Item, Whether doth your Minister publish in his Sermons

mons any doctrine which is new and strange, and dis- Preaching of
agreeing from the word of God, and from the Articles of false doctrine
Christian Faith and Religion, agreed on and published Anno and new opini-
Dom. 1562. Can. 51 ons.

6 Item, Whether are any Ministers admitted to preach Names of
in your Church, who doe not before the Churchwardens sub- strange Preachers to be
scribe their names in your Booke for that purpose, the day taken.
when he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had licence to preach: and is any one admitted to preach, before he sheweth his Licence? Can 52.

7 Item, Doth any Preacher in your Pulpit particularly impugne & confute any doctrine deliuered by others his fel- Opposition of
low Preachers, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Preachers in
Diocesse therewith, and receiued order from him what to do their Sermons.
in that case? Can 52.

8 Item, Doth your Minister vse alwaies to pray for the Praying for his
Kings Maiestie, the Prince, Clergy, Councell, &c. giuing Maiesty, &c. Can. 55
them their full Titles, as in the Canon is required?

9 Item, Whether is your Minister resident vpon his Be- Non-residence
nefice, or absent: if absent; by whom is the Cure serued, the of the Minister.
fruits receiued? Doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures then one: if yea; then what other Cure doth he serue, and how farre are they distant?

10 Item, Whether doth he Catechize the youth of his Catechizing.
Parish vpon Sundaies and Holidayes, before euening Prayer for halfe an houre or more, in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer: and whether doe all the Parishioners diligently attend his catechizing: and who refuse to send their children and seruants to be catechized by him? Can 59.

11 Item, Doth your Minister carefully looke to the relieue Ministers to
of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his Parishio- call for relieue
ners to giue somewhat according to their ability, to godly of the poore,
and charitable vses, especially when they make their wils? and almes-deeds.

12 Item, Whether is your Minister suspected or knowne Symony.
to haue obtained his Benefice or spirituall promotion by any Symoniacall compact, directly, or indirectly? Can 40.

13 Item, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits Demising of
Benefices.

of his Benefice to any Lay-man above three yeare, and is not resident there, and keepeth no hospitality vpon his Benefice, being of sufficient value?

Conferring with Recusants

14 Item, Whether hath he, being learned and sufficient, conferred with the popish Recusants of his Parish, endeauouring to reclaime them from their errors, and presenting them being obstinate, for their Recusancy? Can: 46.

Iunct El. 19. Obseruing of Rogation weeke.

15 Item, Doth your Minister in the Rogation daies goe in perambulation of the circuit of the Parish, saying, and vsing the Prayers, Suffrages, and Thanksgiuing to God, appointed by Law, according to his duty thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and fauour?

Preaching in priuate houses, &c.

16 Item, Hath your Minister, or any other Preacher, made any Sermon, administred the Sacraments, or Churched women in any priuate houses, otherwise then is by Law allowed?

Curates not licenced, and Lay men doing offices of a Minister.

17 Item, What Curates or Preachers do reade Prayers or administer the Sacraments in your Parish, without lawfull licence from the Bishop of the Diocese, vnder his hand and Seale, according to the Canon? or hath any Lay-man, not hauing holy Orders, presumed to reade publike Prayers in the Church?

Lecturers and Preachers to reade Seruice.

18 Item, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish; and whether (if any such be) he doth twice at the least, euery yeare reade himselfe diuine Seruice both morning and euening, two seuerall Sundaies publikely in his Surplice, and also twice in the yeare administer both Sacraments with such Rites and Ceremonies as are prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, according to the 56. Canon?

Can: 75.

19 Item, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from mechanicall trades, or labour not besitting his function, and from apparell vnseemly for his calling, and from gaming, swearing, and drunkennesse, or such notorious crimes: Or is there any in your parish, who hauing beene admitted into holy Orders either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish or forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Lay-man?

Ministers forsaking their calling.

Can: 76.

20 Item,

20 Item, Whether doth your Minister in his Sermons deliuer and debate those high points of Predestination, Reprobation, Uniuersality of Grace, and other of like nature, by his Maiesties expresse directions lately forbidden to be handled in popular Sermons?

21 Item, Whether hath your Minister lately in any Sermon of his, presumed to declare, bound, or limit, by way of positiue doctrine, the prerogatiue, authority, or duty of Soueraigne Princes; or medled further with these matters of State, and references betweene the King and his people, then by the forenamed directions is permitted?

22 Item, Whether hath your Minister vsed any bitter inuectiues, or railing speeches in his Sermons against the persons either of Papists, or Puritanes? Injunct. Do. El. 50.

Articles concerning Mariage. *Titul.* 4.

First, Whether bee there any in your parish that haue married within the degrees of Affinity, or Consanguinity, by the Law of God forbidden: if any, what be they? Mariage within Leuiticall degrees. Can: 109

2 Item, Whether haue any béene married secretly in priuate houses, or without their parents or gouernors consent signified, being vnder the age of 21. yeares? Can 100. Priuate mariage, and without consent of Parents.

3 Item, Whether doe any persons lawfully married, liue asunder vnlawfully; and in whom is the default? Married persons liuing apart.

4 Item, Whether any persons (the Banes being not thrice published in the Church) haue béene married without licence; who were present at such mariages, and what Minister married them? Mariage without banes or licence.

5 Item, Whether any persons by licence or without haue beene married in your parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your towne? Can 101. Persons married out of their Parishes.

6 Item, What Popish Recusants or their children haue beene married in your parish, in what sort was that matrimony solemnized, when and by whom? Recusants mariage.

7 Item, is there any in your Parish that is voyced, noted, Bigamy,

and credibly reported and accused to haue two wiues liuing, or two husbands?

Articles concerning the Church-wardens.

Titul. 5.

Election of Church wardens.

FIrst, Whether be the Church-wardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners according to the 89. Canon; and whether hath any taken him to be Church-warden, being not so chosen: or hath any continued aboue one yeare in his office, without a new choice? Can 89.

Church-wardens due accompt.

2 Item, Whether haue any Church-wardens retained any of the Church goods, and not made a iust accompt of what they haue receiued and expended? Can 89

Church-wardens diligent in the Church.

3 Item, haue they bene, and are they diligent in their office, to see decency kept in the Church, and order in the time of common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments; and that there be no disturbance, but soberneſſe and quietneſſe in the Church? And doe the Church-wardens keepe a booke in your Parish, wherein the name of euery strange Preacher in your parish is set downe: and haue the Church-wardens suffered any to preach, not shewing, or hauing no Licence?

A Booke for strange Preachers.

Articles concerning the Parishioners.

Titul. 6.

Prophaning the Lords day.

FIrst, Whether doe any in your parish prophane the Sunday, by vnlawfull games, drinking, or tipling in the time of Common Prayer, or Sermon, and by working and doing the ordinary workes of their vocation and trades?

Impugning the Rites and gouernment of the Church.

2 Item, Is there any in your Parish that doe impugne or speake against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them, and gouernment of this Church vnder his Maiesty, by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers? Can. 6, & 7.

Reuerent behauiour at diuine Seruice, & Sermon

3 Item, Who in your parish doe come to the Sermon onely, and not to diuine Seruice, and who doe not reuerent-

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ly behaue themselues during the time of diuine Seruice, deuoutly knéeling when the generall confession of sinnes, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read: or who do couer their heads in the Church, during the whole time of diuine seruice, vnlesse it be in case of necessity, in which case they may weare a night cap; or who doe giue themselues to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentiue to heare the word read and preached? Can 18.

4 Item, Are there any of your Parish, hauing a Preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselues from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other Preachers: or doe any in your Parish communicate, or baptize their children in any other Parish? Leauing their own Churches to goe to others.

5 Item, Is there any in your parish that refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselues to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him: or haue any wiues that refuse to come to Church, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, to giue thankes to God for their safe deliuerance, in a decent habit, as hath béen anciently accustomed? Exception against the Minister. Churching of women.

6 Item, Hath any in your parish spoken slanderous and reproachfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or against their mariage or wiues, or against his neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance? Disgracing of Ministers. Injunct R. El. 28.

7 Item, Whether doe any in your parish exercise any trade or labour, buy, or sell, or kéepe open shops, or set out any wares to bee sold vpon Sundayes and Holidaies, by themselues, their seruants, or apprentices, or haue otherwise prophaned the said dayes? Opening of shops vpon holydaies.

8 Item, Whether is the 24. of March, the 5. of August, and the 5 of November, kept holy, and thankfgiuing made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe? Keeping holy of the 24. of March, 5. Aug. 5. November.

9 Item, Are there any in your parish that be, or are, commonly knowne or reputed to be blasphemers of Gods holy name, drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, incestuous persons, concealors or barborers of fornicators or adulterers: haue any béene detected of such notorious crimes: and what penance Adultery, fornication, incest, &c.

penance, haue they done for the same?

Commutation of penance.

10 Item, What corporall punishment for any such offences, haue beene commuted and changed into a pecuniary mulct or summe of money by any Ecclesiasticall Iudge, exercising iurisdiction within this Diocesse, by vertue of any grant or Commission; or what was the summe of money by them or any of them so receiued and taken, and to what vse was the same bestowed: or whether vpon such commutations was the vnfained repentance of the delinquents published in the Church?

11 Item, Whether there haue beene within your seuerall parishes since the 27. day of July last past, any Wils proued or administrations granted by the Archdeacon or his Officiall, or any knowne incontinent persons, or any suspected of that vice, or any other offenders whatsoeuer (hauing not before the said 27. day of July last, beene duly presented by their Church-wardens) for the same beene called or cited by the Archdeacon or his Officiall? If yea, then you must present their names, and their offences now at this visitation, for that since the said 27. day of July last, the Archdeacons authority was restrained and suspended by inhibition, and all iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall euer since hath beene in the Lord Bishop.

12 Item, Whether haue any in your parish administred the goods of any person deceased, without lawfull authoritie, and before he or they haue proued the Will and Testament of the party deceased, or haue obtained commission from the Ordinary, to dispose the sayd moueable goods? Or are there any Wils vnproued, or goods not ministred?

Excommunicate persons.

13 Item, What persons be excommunicate within your Parish, and for what cause to your knowledge: and whether doe any of them repayre to the Church in time of prayer, vnabsolued?

Articles concerning Schoolemasters, Physitians, and Chirurgions, and Parish-Clarkes. *Titul.* 7.

FIrst, Is there any Schoole-master in your Parish that teacheth publikely or privately, not licenced by the Ordinary, or Bishop of the Dioceſſe? Doth he teach any Papist or Sectaries children, that come not to Church? And doth he instruct all his Scholers to learne the shorter Catechisme, by Law established; contained in the Booke of Common Prayer? Is he a Graduate and sufficient to teach? Schoolemasters not licenced. *Can* 77, 78, 79. Duty of all Schoolemasters.

2 Item, What Physitian or Chirurgion is in your parish unlicenced, and being not a Doctor of Physicke in either of the Universities, doth practise physicke? And what ignorant persons have left their trade, and taken upon them to professe Physicke or Chirurgery: and who bee they that so abuse the people? Physitians not licenced.

3 Item, Have you a fit Parish-Clarke, aged 20. yeares at least, of honest life, able to reade and write? Are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud; if not, then whose default is it? By whom is hee chosen? is he diligent in his office, and serviceable to the Minister: doth he meddle with any thing above his office; doth he keepe the Church cleane; the doores locked? Is any thing lost and spoyled by his default; and doth he execute his office duly? Parish-Clarke. *Can* 91.

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall officers. *Titul.* 8.

FIrst, Whether be there any Ecclesiasticall Officers that exercise Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction within this Dioceſſe, that take and receive, or exact any extraordinary fees for any cause? Whether have your Church-wardens and Questmen concealed any abuses or offences punishable in the Ecclesiasticall Court: and whether such offences being presented, are suppressed and unpunished? Excessive fees. *Can* 135.

2 Item, Whether is there not a table of fees in every Court of the Consistory, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed Table of fees in Courts. *Can* 1[illegible]

and ſubſcribed by the Iudge and Regiſter of the Court of Conſiſtory, Anno Dom. 1597. and the ſame euery Court day hung vp in ſome publike place of the Court of Regiſtry?

Speeding of Acts without a Notary.

3 Item, Doth any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge ſpeed any act in any cauſe priuatly of himſelfe, and not in preſence of ſome publike Notary or Actuary?

Can 138. Abuſes in Apparitors and Sumners.

4 Item, Whether is there any exceſſiue number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Dioceſſe; or haue any of them vnder pretence of authority, cited or ſummoned any perſon vnlawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or ſinne, or the auoiding of puniſhment of the offenders: and who be they that haue done ſo? Or doe they take any fees not accuſtomable? Haue they threatned any to proſecute them if they had no reward? and doe they ſummon any without a citation firſt had?

Abuſes in Eccleſiaſticall offices.

5 Item, Hath any Eccleſiaſticall Iudge, or Officer, Aduocate, Regiſter, Proctor, Clarkes, or other ſuch Miniſters, any way abuſed themſelues in their offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that behalfe prouided?

Sincerity and impartiality in the inquiſitors.

6 Item, Laſtly, Whether you, and euery of you haue ſincerely, vprightly, and without any partiall affection, and concealing, preſented and made knowne, all and euery the offenders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles exhibited vnto you, either as they are taken in truth to be, or by common fame reported?

If you know of any other default or crime of Eccleſiaſticall cogniſance, you are to preſent the ſame.

The Miniſter of euery Pariſh may ioyne in preſentment with the Church-wardens and Side-men; and if they will not preſent, then the Miniſters themſelues (being the perſons that ſhould haue the chiefe care for the ſuppreſſing of ſinne and impiety in their Pariſhes) may preſent the crimes aforeſaid, and ſuch things as ſhall be thought to require due reformation, Can. 113.

There muſt be ſeuerall preſentments made to euery ſeuerall Article.

FINIS.